

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1-16 continue to be pending in the application.

The claims have been amended in order to accommodate U.S. practice. In particular, the "Swiss" style European claims 3-6 have been recast in traditional method of treatment format.

With the amendments made to claims 1-16 applicants submit that only two groups are involved. The first group, Group I would be claims 1 and 9-16 drawn to a combination, namely a pharmaceutical composition. The remaining claims 3-8, Group II, are drawn to methods of treatment.

Of the two groups listed, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely the combinations of claims 1 and 9-16.

The above groupings agree with Group I as listed in the Official Action but combine Groups II and III into a single method of treatment group.

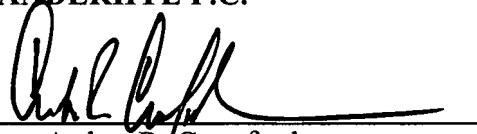
Original claim 2 is non-statutory and that claim has been deleted.

An examination on the merits is awaited taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report as listed in the Information Disclosure Statement of June 20, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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